



**MINUTES**  
**HANOVER CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**March 1, 2006**

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Members/Staff present: Stephen T. O'Leary, Chairman  
Neal Merritt, Hearing Officer  
Deke Moore, Commissioner  
Laura Horky, Commissioner  
Patrick Gallivan, Conservation Agent  
Sandra D. MacFarlane, Secretary

Members/Staff not present: James M. Smith, Vice Chairman

Others present: Attached List

The meeting, which was held in the second floor meeting room at Hanover Town Hall, was called to order at **7:00 PM** by Chairman Stephen T. O'Leary.

**DISCUSSION:**

**7:05 PM Alternative Erosion Control Method-** Charles Alexander, Meadowbrook Garden Center was present to discuss alternatives to the hay bale and silt fence method of erosion control including the Bio Sock w/ organic compost filler. Upon further review, the Commission will make a recommendation at a future meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS:**

**7:30 PM SE 31-882, BLUE HERON WAY Subdivision-** NOI- *continued from 2/1/06 meeting*

**PRESENT** at 7:30 PM- Jacqueline Murtha, Property Owner

**DISCUSSION:** It was explained to those abutters present, that the Applicant's representative, Richard Grady, Grady Consulting, LLC, was not present. Abutters Ms. Nancy Chaponis and Mr. Leo Chaponis, 633 Center St., stated that they would not object to a delay in the proceeding. A motion was made and seconded to postpone the hearing to 8:30 PM to give Mr. Grady a chance to arrive. A confirmation of his delay and intention to attend the hearing was received via telephone.

**VOTE:** SO=yes; NM=yes; DM=yes; LH=yes: **to postpone the hearing for one hour** or until the arrival of Mr. Grady.

**8:05 PM- PRESENT:** Ms. Jacqueline Murtha, Property Owner and Mr. Richard Grady, Grady Consulting, LLC, Applicant's Representative.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Grady gave a brief history of the project including prior hearings and an explanation of revisions made for Commission's Wetland Consultant, Amory Engineers, Planning Board, and the Dept. of Public Works. He noted that a meeting with the Planning Board is scheduled for 3/27/06 and that Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP) has issued their final decision. Ms. Murtha stated that the Hanover Historical Commission has granted permission to remove the structures for historic preservation. A copy of the Historical Commission's written approval shall be submitted as soon as possible. In response to questions raised by Ms. Chaponis, for increased run-off onto her property, and those raised by the Commission concerning increased run-off into the wetlands abutting Town property, Mr. Grady explained that the

pre and post-construction stormwater management calculations were approved by the Commission's Consultant, Walter Amory. Ms. Chaponis questioned the removal of two mature trees near her property line and was assured by Mr. Grady that the trees would not be removed.

**VOTE:** SO-yes; NM-yes; DM-yes; LH-yes: **to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions** with the following special conditions:

- the infiltration basin to be maintained as per the Home Owner's Association Covenants and NHESP
- the Agent shall be allowed on site w/ prior notification to homeowners to conduct inspections annually and on an as needed basis, in perpetuity
- final written approval from Historical Commission

### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. **SE 31-829, 1083 Webster Street-** request for Certificate of Compliance

**VOTE: none taken**, this item was tabled until further notice from the Agent due to unresolved issues at the site.

2. **1270 Broadway-** request to remove mature trees in BVW

The Agent explained that the homeowner requested permission to remove mature trees for safety issues.

**DECISION:** The Commission shall **allow removal** of the trees with the requirement that trees of a like kind be planted, location, species and size to be determined by the Agent. The Commission also stated that as a policy, the Agent may make on-site decisions with follow-up letters from the Agent, unless the activity is such that requires a Commission vote.

3. **Street Acceptance Notice from DPW-** The notice was reviewed with **no comments**.

4. **SE 31-849, 166 Water Street-** request to allow Bio Sock w/ organic compost filler

**VOTE: none taken**, this item was tabled until further research and opinions from DEP.

5. **SE 31-849, 166 Water Street-** appeal to Superseding Order of Conditions- **reviewed** with no comment.

6. **1300 Hanover Street, Village Green Landscaping-** Update- Agent to inspect site and issue violation/warning letter if necessary.

7. **16 Oakland Street-** determination of appropriate application- It was determined that the proposed activity was minor and could be followed through the Building Permit Application process.

**DECISION: no Conservation Commission filing necessary**

8. **Hunting Policy-** review of 2/15/06 vote, MA Gen. Laws, etc.-

**DECISION: none-** The Commission still awaits comments from Town Counsel.

**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE UPDATE:** Commissioner Laura Horky updated the Commission on current projects and issues.

**COMMUNITY PRES. ACT COMMITTEE UPDATE:** Chair Stephen T. O'Leary gave a brief update and noted that the first meeting will take place 3/7/06 at 7:00 PM.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

☒ Approval of Minutes for **2/15/06** meeting

**VOTE:** SO-abstained; NM-yes; DM-yes; LH-yes: **to approve the minutes as presented.**

☒ Sign Bills- **signed**

☒ Review Correspondence- **reviewed**

☒ **BL 03-40-26, 950 Circuit Street-** Blanket DOA-Septic upgrade- The Agent noted that upon a site inspection, the permit was approved and issued.

☒ Revised NRAD w/ Simplified Review as per DEP format- **reviewed** new permit format.

☒ Meeting format and Hearing Script

**DECISION:** The Commission approved a change to the public hearing format to increase the clarity of the proceedings for those present. The **hearing script and meeting format was accepted** as presented.

☒ Consolidated Department of Municipal Inspections- The Agent presented a brief overview and presented a draft Article from the Town Administrator to be presented at the upcoming annual Town Meeting.

☒ Conservation Staff Report- given by Conservation Staff.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Minutes Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra D. MacFarlane, Conservation Commission Secretary

